



Final Conference SUITE The Housing Project

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Venue: Spanish Representation (Boulevard du Regent, 50-52)

Organized by URBACT II / SUITE & CECODHAS Housing Europe with the support of the URBAN Intergroup of the European Parliament

The SUITE project:

With property market racing out of control and major demographic, economic and social changes in urban areas, new requirements for social housing have emerged in the cities. The main objective of the SUITE network is to cooperate among partners to optimize sustainability in housing by an affordable supply of housing, to assure social cohesion by a good social mix and to provide high environmental standards.

As each network of cities supported by URBACT, all partner cities of SUITE had to develop a Local Action Plan (LAP) based on shared knowledge but also on local specificities. Furthermore, there was an objective to create a strong link between those LAPs and the Operational Programmes of the respective country or region within the European Structural Fund ERDF, to prepare possible funding of plans, parts of plans, or pilot projects deriving from those plans. We are keen to take this opportunity to pilot ERDF projects that are related to housing.

Lead partner is Santiago de Compostela City Council (Spain).

Project partners are:

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (Germany), Iasi (Romania), Kraków (Poland), Medway Council and Newcastle Upon Tyne (UK), Nantes Métropole and Rennes Métropole (France) and Tallinn (Estonia).

This network of cities will provide experience and recommendations on the question of creating or maintaining sustainability in an urban context through housing practices. This will feed the reflection of the Intergroup on the kind of support the EU could give to cities in that field. The timing is particularly good as the conference will take place before the legislative proposals related to the future cohesion policy.

08.30 – Registration and welcome coffee

Mutual animation of European exchange and local action – Achieve synergy in housing sustainability!

Moderation of the morning: Mrs. Anita Leirvik, SUITE coordinator

› 09.00 -09.50 – Opening and Setting the scene

Mr. Jan Olbrycht, MEP, President of the URBAN Intergroup

- **URBACT networks as SUITE, chance and challenge for cities**
Mrs. Mercedes Rosón, City Councillor, Santiago de Compostela City Council, Lead Partner SUITE project
- **SUITE, an ambitious project on housing – the framework**
Mrs. Heidrun Feigelfeld, Lead expert of the SUITE project

› 09.50 -12.30 – Presentation of local action plans in the partner cities

- **Marketplace of Local Action Plans – first round**
- **More than 'mixing': balanced neighbourhoods and building communities**

Hamburg, Kraków and Iasi discussing their Local Action Plans with Mrs. Heidrun Feigelfeld, Lead Expert of the SUITE project

- **Improving access to housing: beyond 'business as usual'**
Santiago de Compostela and Nantes Métropole discussing their Local Action Plans with Mrs. Darinka Czischke, Thematic Expert of the SUITE project

11.00 – 11.30 – Coffee break

- **Marketplace of Local Action Plans – second round**
- **Sustainable housing: thinking 'outside the box'**
Newcastle Upon Tyne and Rennes Métropole discussing their Local Action Plans with Mrs. Darinka Czischke, Thematic Expert of the SUITE project
- **Beyond ecology: holistic effects, with people for people**
Medway Council and Tallinn discussing their Local Action Plans with Mrs. Heidrun Feigelfeld, Lead Expert of the SUITE project
- **Transversally seen – Conclusions from a LAP process**
Mrs. Heidrun Feigelfeld, Lead expert of the SUITE project

12.30 – 14.00 Networking lunch

Integrated housing and urban policies – Visions, action and priorities

Moderation of the afternoon: Mrs. Claire Roumet, Secretary General of CECODHAS Housing Europe

› 14.00 – 16.00 Presentation of the policy recommendations and discussion

- **Policy recommendations from the SUITE network on housing**
Mrs. Heidrun Feigelfeld, Lead expert and Mrs. Darinka Czischke, Thematic Expert
- **Reactions in a European context**
Mr. Philip Stein, Thematic Pole Manager, URBACT Programme
Mrs. Merja Haapakka, Policy officer, DG Regio, Urban development and territorial cohesion unit
Mr. Ivan Tosics, Director, Metropolitan Research Institute

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

› 16.30 -17.30 – A mutual impact – social housing policy and cohesion policy and the role of cities

- **Panel discussion with:**
Mr. Jean-Loup Drubigny, Head of URBACT Secretariat
Mrs. Angelika Poth-Moegele, Policy Director, Council of European Municipalities and Regions
Mr. Alain Hutchinson, Member of the Committee of the Regions

› 17.30 -17.45 – Outlook and Farewell

Mrs. Anita Leirvik, SUITE coordinator
Mrs. Mercedes Rosón, City Councillor, Santiago de Compostela City Council, Lead Partner SUITE project

A COCKTAIL WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING

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